

## § 56.15

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### § 56.15 Political activity.

All graders are forbidden during the period of their respective appointments or licenses, to take an active part in political management or in political campaigns. Political activity in city, county, State, or national elections, whether primary or regular, or in behalf of any party or candidate, or any measure to be voted upon, is prohibited. This applies to all appointees, including, but not being limited to, temporary and cooperative employees, and employees on leave of absence with or without pay. Willful violation of this section will constitute grounds for dismissal in the case of appointees and revocation of licenses in the case of licensees.

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### § 56.16 Identification.

All graders shall each have in possession at all times, and present upon request, while on duty, the means of identification furnished by the Department to such person.

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### § 56.17 Facilities and equipment for graders.

Facilities and equipment to be furnished by the applicant for use of graders in performing service on a resident basis shall include (when deemed necessary) the following:

(a)(1) An accurate metal stem thermometer;

(2) Electronic digital-display scales graduated in increments of  $\frac{1}{10}$ -ounce or less for weighing individual eggs and test weights for calibrating such scales. Plants packing product based on metric weight must provide scales graduated in increments of 1-gram or less;

(3) Electronic digital-display scales graduated in increments of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -ounce or less for weighing the lightest and heaviest consumer packages packed in the plant and test weights for calibrating such scales;

(4) Scales graduated in increments of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -pound or less for weighing shipping

containers and test weights for calibrating such scales;

(5) An acceptable candling light.

(b) Furnished office space, a desk and file or storage cabinets (equipped with a satisfactory locking device), suitable for the security and storage of official stamps and supplies, and other facilities and equipment as may otherwise be required. Such space and equipment must meet the approval of the National supervisor.

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### § 56.18 Schedule of operation of official plants.

Grading operating schedules for services performed pursuant to §§ 56.52 and 56.54 shall be requested in writing and be approved by the Administrator. Normal operating schedules for a full week consist of a continuous 8-hour period per day (excluding not to exceed 1 hour for lunch), 5 consecutive days per week, within the administrative workweek, Sunday through Saturday, for each shift required. Less than 8-hour schedules may be requested and will be approved if a grader is available. Clock hours of daily operations need not be specified in the request, although as a condition of continued approval, the hours of operation shall be reasonably uniform from day to day. Graders are to be notified by management 1 day in advance of any change in the hours grading service is requested.

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#### APPLICATION FOR GRADING

### § 56.20 Who may obtain grading service.

An application for grading service may be made by any interested person, including, but not being limited to, the United States, any State, county, municipality, or common carrier, and any authorized agent of the foregoing.

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